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SUBJECT: MOBUTU FEBRUARY 1 SPEECH

1. FEB. 2 WASH STAR-NEWS CARRIES BRIEF ITEM REPORTING THAT MOBUTU ANNOUNCED IN FEB. 1 SPEECH THAT HE HAD DECIDED CLOSE ALL CHURCHES IN ZAIRE. ITEM GIVES "BELGIAN RADIO REPORTS" AS SOURCE. DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY RECEIVED SEVERAL ENQUIRIES FROM MISSIONARY GROUPS. FREE METHODIST CHURCH HAS ASKED FOR ADVICE ON WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 100,000 DOLLARS HOSPITAL THEY ARE BUILDING AT NUNDU IN KIVU. IF HOSPITAL WERE TO BE NATIONALIZED, THEY DOUBT GOZ COULD ASSURE STAFFING; THEY WOULD BE RELUCTANT CONTINUE INVESTMENT IF THAT SEEMED LIKELY OUTCOME.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 1 SPEECH ASAP. WOULD ALSO LIKE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND PROSPECTS FOR THEIR CONTINUED OPERATION IN WAKE GOZ MOVES TO CIRCUMSCRIBE CHURCH ACTIVITY. KISSINGER

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